

Idaho's Generation of the Child

1st Annual GOVERNOR'S ROUNDTABLE for FAMILIES and CHILDREN

Summary of Input Discussion 1A—OBJECTIVES

The following questions have been summarized under each objective:

- Which objectives should be modified and how should they be changed?
- Which objectives should be added?
- Which objectives should be deleted?

OBJECTIVE

1. Maintain a comprehensive inventory of resources and programs serving families and children in Idaho.

- Include resources available to specific sub groups such as Native Americans or Hispanic, etc.
- Change to "ensure" a comprehensive inventory of resources and programs...Is maintained
- Inventory needs to be easily accessible. Finding alternative methods of communication is also important. Internet is not accessible to everyone.
- Maintain a regional inventory.
- Maintain and disseminate a comprehensive inventory of resources.
- Develop a central site/clearing house/directory through electronic mail that links existing comprehensive inventories of resources and programs. (Don't duplicate inventories that are already there.)
- Maintain a comprehensive inventory of resources and programs utilizing existing data collection/dissemination programs, serving families and children in Idaho.
- Make available a usable accessible comprehensive inventory of resources and programs serving families and children in Idaho.
- Conduct and maintain a comprehensive inventory of defined resources.
- Each agency, public or private, required to list services available. File copies with appropriate local entity and with Governor's Council. Maintain—What is meant? How? Is this too much work for volunteer Council?
- Needs to be web based and allow people to update—information-build on what is already in place.

- Put resources on Internet and library Internet, continually update, resources report changes regularly ICENET access. Publicize and link access, and identification of services in locality.
- Define resources as including what is available in finances and people to do the job.
- Do not create a new inventory. There is an existing resource.
- Maintain a comprehensive inventory for determining resources by region and statewide for serving family and children in Idaho.
- Maintain a comprehensive inventory of resources and programs serving families and children in Idaho including financial resources available for both new and existing programs on the local, state, and federal levels.
- Timely inventory (resource center—web site). Who will maintain the web site?
- Maintain an up-to-date comprehensive inventory of resources...and distribute statewide.
- #1 and #2 could be combined. How would #1 be made available to citizens of Idaho? How does it relate to CareLine? How will it be maintained, published and updated? We feel it should be done electronically. We would like it to be a 2-1-1 process.
- Combine #1 and #4.
- Wonder if #1 should be added if inventory already exists. Perhaps existing inventory should be improved, promoted, and funded.

2. Facilitate communications among individuals and organizations providing services to families and children.

- Establish, facilitate and develop a system for sharing information.
- Also include opportunities for communities and others to mentor each other.
- Identify a key contact.
- Needs to be more proactive than a database. Share joint training opportunities supporting existing groups.
- #2 and #3—combined facilitators, linkage, communications, tool building.

3. Work with organizations/agencies/individuals to identify gaps in service to families and children.

- Work with organizations to identify gaps and duplications in service to families and children and recommend solutions to the governor.
- Change to "Identify gaps and overlaps" in service to family and children.
- ...and make recommendations to fill the gaps, put timelines on all objectives.
- Cannot just identify gaps. Fill them through focus or feedback groups.
- Work in partnership with organizations/agencies to identify and address gaps in service to families and children.
- Identify expertise, resources to fill those gaps.
- Identify, prioritize, and address gaps.
- Work with organizations/agencies/individuals to identify strengths and gaps in service to families and children.
- Work with organizations/agencies/individuals to identify geographical financial and service gaps.
- Work with...families and children and reduce overlap/duplication.
- Change #3 and #4 in order of importance.
- Maintain comprehensive inventory of resources...developed on a regional basis with statewide access, keep it fluid with Internet document.

4. Work with agencies/organizations/individuals to develop consistent, accurate, and timely collection and reporting of data to provide comprehensive statistical measurements on Idaho's families and children.

- How produced—electronic?
- Define what a database is?
- Define what data to collect?
- Use Kids Count.
- Include inform tool to do this.
- Should be deleted.
- Promote/make/use available of existing data. DO NOT create another reporting system.
- Is sufficient as written. Use #4 as strategy for #3. (Shouldn't be an objective.) Use #4 to make decisions.
- Support a master database to maintain an ongoing computer inventory of resources and programs serving family and children in Idaho and the 5 Idaho federally recognized tribes.
- Data collection: simplify rather than complicate any data collection efforts—expand existing efforts, take advantage of all resources.
- Do not collect data in personally humiliating or disrespectful ways. Data should be meaningful—what is the purpose?

5. Develop strong state and local partnerships to foster and support results-based community programs.

- Change "develop" to "facilitate" strong state and local.
- Promote strong state and local partnerships to foster and support results based community programs.
- Needs to refer to resource.
- Action based.
- Unclear meaning.
- Sustainable...develop strong sustainable stats at local.
- Good. Public needs to see these results.

6. Create a statewide awareness of the importance of healthy families and children.

- Feel this objective is a given, but needs to be made "real" to families, not just a publicity blitz.
- CareLine already there, coordinate all the existing R and R database.
- Promote "best practices" in addition to awareness.
- Support a statewide awareness of the importance of healthy families and children.
- "Awareness" vague term.
- Might be first in priority—include leadership in advocacy.
- Include in the plan what this means.
- Add tools to build and maintain a healthy family.
- Looks good.
- #6 is really weak. Awareness is weak. We would like to see the Coordinating Council lead change in policy and sentiment. We want to see legislative action. Be a key assistant (the CC) in helping the legislators push correct and appropriate legislation.
- Should be deleted.
- Create a statewide and legislative awareness of the importance of healthy and responsible families and children

Miscellaneous

- Overall vision—create a statewide vision of and advocacy, challenge the citizens of Idaho to make healthy families and children the number one priority.
- "Compile," not maintain; "Clearinghouse," not repetition; a "web-based" clearinghouse.
- Everything should be better defined—what children? Strengthen inventory—people all over the state need better information and resources—maybe Boise can have a "one stop" shop, but the rest of the state needs similar access. Even service providers don't know everything available to their clients.
- Objectives should include language that acknowledges local inventory collection and grassroots effect.
- Much too broad. Need measurable data under a BOLD framework.
- All are important.

- All modified by the use of electronic capabilities.
- Eliminate redundant/duplicated services. Do not “reinvent” before checking to see if done.
- Combine #1 and #2 and #3 and #5.
- Get framework. Measurable framework.
- Communicate problems in our state in regard to families and children.
- List 10 specific needs of minority groups and develop strategies to meet those needs.

What else will help the Coordinating Council solidify its objectives?

- Develop a mission statement.
- Involve youth input.
- Involve input from minority groups, including 5 Idaho federally recognized tribes.
- Create multiple opportunities for people to participate.
- Get consumers involved.
- Need a statement re: cultural diversity
- Size down to specifics. These objectives are too big. Choose strategic issues.
- Need to address specifically rural, isolated and hard to reach populations.

- Need to have expectations congruent with funding levels.
- Need to have measurables attached to objectives.
- Be action oriented. Don't be safe—be bold.
- Communities will need technical assistance.
- Infrastructure?
- Choose just a few objectives to complete. Don't be lofty—be doable and let it grow.
- Talk in humanitarian terms versus regulatory terms.
- Define specific ages of “children.”
- Please do not create more work for us—no mandates.
- “Fluff”—no substantive work. Need policy changes.
- Talk to real families and include them on the Council.
- Outcome statement needs to be listed—expected results.
- Council should help connect “dots,” integrate, rather than create anything new.
- Needs more specifics: dates, benchmarks, results, measurements.
- While we are busy coordinating and collaborating, what can be done in the short term for children?
- Do not reinvent the wheel.
- Recognize private, public and philanthropic sectors in the visioning and solution building.